GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:144
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INDO-OMAN UREA VENTURE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to slash the value of Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for the controversial Indo-Oman Urea Venture by $19 million to peg the price at $950 million;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government are also divided on award of EPC contractas both the bidders of Italy and Germany continue to lobby for the project;

(d) if so, whether these two bidders have further offered concessions over the above stipulated EPC price; and

(e) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The Project cost has been reduced from US$ 969 million by amaximum of US$ 14 million and minimum of US$ 7 million based on the US dollar to Euro exchange rate on the effective date of contract.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.